Archive: Weekly Change Bulletin (22 December 2023)

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Please note that due to an issue, the Portal is not currently able to generate notifications to users upon the publication of Change information, including new consultations and impact assessments. We will continue to notify you of Change publications through this Bulletin.

February REC Release

In the REC, February releases are typically planned for the last Friday of the month, and BSC releases are planned for the last Thursday of the month, which results in releases only being a day apart. However, because 2024 is a leap year, the REC release will be on 23 February 2024 and the BSC release will be on the 29 February 2024. We want to reassure you that there are no impacts to parties resulting from this difference in implementation date. We considered whether to move the implementation date from the approved dates to align with the BSC standard release, but the Code Manager considered the impact would be greater.

V1.0 of the Release Plan for the February REC Release has been published. If additional CPs are approved for this Release, an updated version of the Release Plan will be published. The release plan and other information on future releases can be found here.

R0152 - Revision to the Consolidated Metering Code of Practice – Working Group Interest

Following the implementation of the Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP) a number of issues have been identified by RECCo, The Code Manager and REC Parties, which mean that REC Parties are unable to meet their obligations as currently presented in the CoMCoP. Change Proposal R0152 - Revision to the Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP) has been raised to address this.

The Code Manager is setting up a work group to provide expertise and assist in the extensive review of CoMCoP and are looking for up to 4 SMEs to join us on a regular basis. We envisage this work group meeting weekly from the end of January. Alternatively, if there are specific sections or clauses of the CoMCoP review you would like to be involved in, please let us know and we can pass on only relevant invitations.

REC Stakeholders impacted by the CoMCoP review are invited to express their interest in participating in the working group by emailing the enquiries@recmanager.co.uk by **05 January 2024.**

R0147 – Prepayment Levelisation – Supplier Data Reporting Specification

The Supplier Data Reporting Specification for the data submissions that will be required under the changes to be introduced by R0147 - Prepayment Levelisation, has now been published on the Change Proposal page on the REC Portal.

The Code Manager would like to call out two adjustments to the specification that have been reflected within this document:

- Following Supplier feedback, Ofgem have proposed in the statutory consultation, that any fixed term contracts for all payment methods agreed prior to the licence modification decision date are not included within the reconciliation mechanism. This means that Suppliers should exclude any meter points this impacts from their Payment Portfolio Data submissions. Any fixed term contracts agreed from the decision date onwards should be included.

- The data reporting mechanism will now be included as an appendix within the new Schedule.

If you have any questions, please email enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

R0155 – Change of Tenancy: Evidentiary Standards and Timescales – Update to Suppliers

The Change Team is aware the raising of Change Proposal R0155 - Change of Tenancy: Evidentiary Standards and Timescales is causing concern, particularly for non-domestic Suppliers. We thought it would be useful to provide additional information on the change and the planned next steps to help allay the concerns:

- The change was raised by RECCo as per the timeline set out at the RECCo webinar on 24 October 2023. Webinar round-up: New Change of Tenancy rules proposed for the non-domestic energy market - Retail Energy Code Company

- RECCo decided not to go forward with a draft change proposal using the solution presented at the webinar and have instead submitted a Change Proposal (CP) that has no solution.

- The solution has yet to be developed and the Change Proposal Plan provides a timeline for solution development only. An update will be provided to Change Panel once that has completed.

- The CP has been deliberately written with 2 parts – Change of Tenancy (CoT) on a Switch and CoT with no Switch. We will be seeking legal advice on both parts early in the new year to make sure each part is appropriate for the REC.

- The solution will be taken to a workshop in the New Year, date still TBC and will be discussed at a Special RIG. However, we recognise it would not be feasible to run a workshop that is open to all. Instead, the workshop(s) will be by nomination only and the details of how that will work will follow in the New Year.

- The solution development plan, including the workshop, was presented and approved at Change Panel today, 19 December 2023.

- The full change process will follow on as normal, with industry impact assessment and consultation. We recognise these might require longer timescales than normal and will ask for feedback before they are issued.

If you have any questions, please email enquiries@recmanager.co.uk.

R0148 - Introduction of classification-based access model into the REC in support of Open Data

[R0148 - Introduction of classification-based access model into the REC in support of Open Data](#) involves the categorisation of data within the Enquiry Services which will help to improve, extend, and simplify access to data securely and efficiently. These will be 4 categories of Closed, Personal, Conditionally Open and Always Open.

Part of this Change Proposal will be to introduce a metadata catalogue which categorises each Data Item within the Enquiry Services. The Code Manager is requesting that industry review the proposed categorisation of the Data Items and an overview of how this should be completed can be found here . Once the review is finalised, it can be uploaded to the Portal on the relevant Party Impact Assessment page here.

This request was flagged to RIG Members at the meeting on 10 November 2023 and there were concerns raised over the size of the request and that ample time must be provided to ensure the right resource can conduct this review. The Code Manager has taken this feedback on board and extended the Impact Assessment period to 26 January 2024.

Please submit response by **23:59** on **26 January 2024**.

R0145 – Service Termination Issue Reporting

Please be advised that the publication of the Final Change Report (FCR) for R0145 (Service Termination Issue Reporting (Change to Category 2 document)) which was planned for today has been delayed. Following the close of the Consultation window, the Code Manager requires additional time to fully consider its responses to the feedback raised and form its recommendation on the Change Proposal.

Further communications will be sent in due course advising of a revised timeframe for the publication of the FCR, and the consequential impacts on the timeframe for a Metering Expert Panel (MEP) decision on the Change Proposal, in its role as Responsible Committee. An email will be sent to MEP Members shortly on the impact on the scheduled January 2024 meeting.

Impact Assessments Published

The following Impact Assessments have been published and can be accessed from the Impact Assessments Register, on the REC Portal.

Change Proposal	REC Parties/ Market Participants	Data Specification Impacts		Published Date	Response Deadline
		Impacted areas	Impacted Parties		
R0150 - On-site Aggregation as a method to facilitate Third Party Access - BSC P455	Electricity Suppliers MEMs	N/A	N/A	15 December	15 January

Change Proposal	REC Parties/ Market Participants	Data Specification Impacts	Published Date	Response Deadline
R0139 - Alignment of Market Message D0225 'consent to share flag' to support PSR data sharing	Electricity Suppliers DNOs MEMs	DI51497 / J2208 Consent to share data obtained	Suppliers, DNOs, MEMs	08 December	05 January

To respond to an Impact Assessment; download and complete the Impact Assessment Response Form on the Impact Assessment Page, then click 'Add Response' to upload the completed form.

Please note: the cut off for responses is 23:59 on the Response Deadline in the bulletin and on the Impact Assessment Response form. On the REC Portal this shows the cut off as 00:00 on the following date. Please submit your responses in line with the bulletin and Response form deadline.

Further information about Impact Assessments can be found in the Change Management User Guide.

Consultations Published

The following Consultations have been published and can be accessed from the Consultations Register on the REC Portal.

Change Proposal	REC Parties/ Market Participants	Data Specification Impacts		Published Date	Response Deadline
		Impacted areas	Impacted Parties		
R0115 - Frequency and content of CSS reports on switching via the DCC portal	Energy Suppliers Switching Operator	N/A	N/A	15 December	19 January
R0064 - Creating a Meter Operator Agent and MOCoP Installer	MEMs	N/A	N/A	07 December	05 January
R0062 – Removal of ERDA Metering Point Energy Flow Change Restriction	Suppliers DNOs	N/A	N/A	21 December	23 January

To respond to a Consultation; download and complete the 'Consultation Response form' on the Consultation Page, then click 'Add Response' to upload the completed form.

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Rebaselined Change Proposal Plans

The following Change Proposal Plan has been re-baselined following approval by the REC Change Panel. The explanation for the re-baselining is included in the updated documents, which has been published on the Change Proposal Page on the REC Portal.

- R0147 – Prepayment Levelisation

New Change Proposals Raised

The following new Change Proposal has been raised:

- R0156 – Updates to the CSS Message Business Data Validation Rules and Physical Interface Design Specification

This will now go through an initial assessment by the Code Manager to assess the priority status and score. This will in turn determine the next steps and timeline for the progression of the Change Proposal. There is no action required from you at this time.

Contacting the Code Manager

The REC Code Manager service will continue to operate over the Christmas and New Year period, with key staff available across the team to respond to your queries and provide you with ongoing support.

The only change to our service is the closure of our telephone and live web chat from 13:00 on 22 December 2023 until 09:00 on 02 January 2024. You can still raise tickets with the Service Desk through the REC Portal, or by emailing enquiries@recmanager.co.uk, and we will respond as normal.

We welcome feedback about our communications and all aspects of the REC Code Manager service. To send us your feedback you can create a ticket on the REC Portal Service Desk, send an email to enquiries@recmanager.co.uk, or use the CSI feedback form.

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